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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

HALF OF THE FRONT PAGE IS GIVEN TO THE "JOYFUL WELCOME" RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT IN CAIRO. A PICTURE OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND PRESIDENT SADAT, SURROUNDED BY A CHEERING CROWD, ACCOMPANIES THE ARTICLE BY HOAGLAND AND KILPATRICK. THE ARTICLE IS A STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNT OF EVENTS, INCLUDING THE DINNER TOASTS BY SADAT AND THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES ON PAGE A-30 WHERE THERE IS ANOTHER PHOTO OF THE PRESIDENT REVIEWING THE EGYPTIAN HONOR GUARD. (A-1)

RICHARD LYON REPORTS ON THE ATTACKS BY VICE PRESIDENT FORD AND DEAN BURCH ON THE LEAKS COMING FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. THEIR CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED AT STATEMENTS BY SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO STATED YOU HAD "INITIATED" WIRETAPS ON SOME OF YOUR STAFF. BURCH CALLED THE LEAKS THE OLD MCCARTHY TACTIC OF 20 YEARS AGO, ONLY NOW IT SHOULD BE CALLED "EILBERGISH," REFERRING TO REPRESENTATIVE EILBERG. FORD SAID HE SUSPECTED ULTERIOR MOTIVES BY DEMOCRATS WHO WANT TO IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT. FORD AND BURCH DENOUNCED THE COMMITTEE AS "OUT OF CONTROL." REPRESENTATIVE MCCLODY JOINED PETER RODINO IN DENOUNCING THE LEAKS, BUT MCCLODY SAID: "THE CHAIRMAN HAS NOT LOST CONTROL OF THE

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COMMITTEE." (A-1)

SENATOR HUMPHREY RETURNED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY AN EIGHT-CARAT DIAMOND WORTH MORE THAN \$100,000, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN 1968. MR. HUMPHREY SAID THE DIAMOND WAS GIVEN TO HIS WIFE AND IT WAS ASSUMED IT BELONGED TO HER. HE SAID THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES BY A PROTOCOL OFFICER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. AT NO TIME DID ANY OFFICER TELL HIM THAT THE GIFTS RECEIVED BY HIM OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(A-1)

MARILYN BERGER WRITES THAT ACTING SECRETARY SISCO SAID BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT THE ASSURANCE OF U.S. POLITICAL SUPPORT GIVEN ISRAEL TO COUNTERACT TERRORISM DID NOT CONSTITUTE "CARTE BLANCHE" FOR INDISCRIMINATE RETALIATIONS. SISCO ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE U.S. HAS TOLD ISRAEL IT WOULD CONSIDER A MULTIYEAR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS. (A-2)

THREE NORTH KOREAN UN OFFICIALS VISITED WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND AND IT ALMOST WENT BY UNNOTICED, ACCORDING TO THE POST. THE OCCASION WAS A UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE NORTH KOREAN OFFICIALS DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THEIR BEING HERE, THOUGH ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT NORTH KOREA IS "INTERESTED IN A BROADER RELATIONSHIP." THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT ANY NORTH KOREAN OFFICIAL HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO VENTURE BEYOND NEW YORK SINCE THE KOREAN WAR. (A-3)

A BOB WOODWARD AND CARL BERNSTEIN ARTICLE REVEALS SOME DETAILS OF A MEMORANDUM MADE BY J. EDGAR HOOVER ON MAY 9, 1969. THE MEMO DESCRIBES YOUR REACTION TO A FRONT PAGE STORY BY WILLIAM BEECHER IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT DAY ABOUT SECRET B-52 BOMBING RAIDS IN CAMBODIA. IN TALKING TO HOOVER, YOU SAID THE INFORMATION WAS "EXTRAORDINARILY DAMAGING AND USES SECRET INFORMATION." YOU ASKED IF A MAJOR EFFORT COULD BE MADE TO FIND OUT WHERE THE INFORMATION CAME FROM. A SECOND MEMO CONTINUES THAT HOOVER CALLED YOU THAT SAME DAY WITH INFORMATION ABOUT BEECHER AND MORTON HALPERIN. YOU TOLD HOOVER YOU APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION AND HOPED HOOVER WOULD FOLLOW IT UP AS FAR AS HE COULD TAKE IT, AND THAT THEY "WOULD DESTROY WHOEVER DID THIS IF WE CAN FIND HIM, NO MATTER WHERE HE IS." NEITHER MEMO BY HOOVER MENTIONS WIRETAPPING, BUT A MEMO FROM WILLIAM SULLIVAN ON MAY 11, 1969 TELLS OF A VISIT BY GENERAL HAIG THE DAY BEFORE, STATING A REQUEST FOR "SURVEILLANCE" WAS BEING MADE ON THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY AND INVOLVED NATIONAL SECURITY. IN TWO OF THE DOCUMENTS, THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OBTAINED FROM THE F.B.I., HOOVER WROTE THAT HAIG ADVISED THAT YOU REQUESTED A TAP ON TONY LAKE AND WINSTON LORD. A THIRD MEMO FROM HOOVER TO MITCHELL STATES THAT YOU

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REQUESTED A TAP ON A REPORTER IDENTIFIED AS HENDRICK SMITH OF THE NEW YORK TIMES. ONE SOURCE SAID THE MEMOS ARE TWICE REMOVED FROM DIRECTLY INVOLVING YOU, CAUTIONING THAT HOOVER TENDED TO WRITE SELF-SERVING MEMOS FOR THE FILES. ANOTHER SOURCE NOTED HAIG -- THEN YOUR DEPUTY -- COULD HAVE INVOKED YOUR NAME AND BEEN ACTING ON A GENERAL DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM YOU, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THE SPECIFIC WIRETAP REQUESTS. HOWEVER, EIGHT WELL-PLACED SOURCES SAY YOU WERE PROBABLY LESS THAN CANDID IN DESCRIBING YOUR ROLE TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. THESE SAME SOURCES DISAGREE ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR TESTIMONY. (A-8)

TONY LAKE FILED SUIT YESTERDAY IN FEDERAL COURT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, YOU, GENERAL HAIG, JOHN EHRLICHMAN, H.R. HALDEMAN, JOHN MITCHELL, WILLIAM SULLIVAN, AND THE C&P TELEPHONE COMPANY. HE ASKS THAT ALL THOSE NAMED BE ORDERED TO PAY HIM \$100 A DAY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE TAP, UNDER PROVISIONS OF FEDERAL WIRETAP STATUTES AGAINST ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE. (A-16)

SENATOR GOLDWATER CHARGED YESTERDAY THAT THE WASHINGTON POST HAD COMMITTED AN "ACT OF TREASON" BY PRINTING SECRET F.B.I. DOCUMENTS THAT CONTRADICT YOUR DENIALS THAT YOU INITIATED WIRETAPS ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN. BENJAMIN BRADLEE, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE POST, CALLED THE CHARGE "OUTRAGEOUS." HE SAID THEY NEITHER STOLE THE DOCUMENTS NOR BOUGHT THEM. GOLDWATER SAID THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD QUESTION THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE F.B.I. AS TO HOW THEY GOT THE INFORMATION, HOW MUCH THEY PAID FOR IT, AND WHO GAVE IT TO THEM. (A-18)

AN EDITORIAL BY JOSEPH KRAFT ASSERTS THAT THERE IS A NEED TO PURSUE THE CHARGES ABOUT YOUR ROLE IN THE WIRETAPPING. HE SAYS YOUR THREAT TO RESIGN IS "DIZZY" BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT THE INJURED PARTY, BUT THE MAN WHOSE CONDUCT IS AT ISSUE. THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE IS NOT TO TAKE INDIGNANT AIRS BUT TO STEP SQUARELY INTO THE VARIOUS CHARGES. KRAFT SAYS THE ALLEGATIONS ARE QUITE SPECIFIC AND OFTEN COME IN DOCUMENTARY FORM FROM WELL-KNOWN INDIVIDUALS. WHERE THE SOURCES ARE NOT IDENTIFIED, THEY ARE IDENTIFIABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE BASIS FOR THE CHARGE THAT YOU INITIATED WIRETAPS AGAINST JOURNALISTS, OFFICIALS OF THE WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PENTAGON IS A COMMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON A TAPE OF HIS FEBRUARY 28 CONVERSATION WITH JOHN DEAN. INFORMATION THAT YOU WANTED THE TAPS CONTINUED AND THEN FINALLY TURNED THEM OFF, KRAFT SAYS, YOU MIGHT LOOK TO WILLIAM SULLIVAN AS THE SOURCE. KRAFT SAYS JOHN EHRLICHMAN IS ONE SOURCE ON THE CHARGE THAT YOU KNEW OF THE ACTIONS OF THE PLUMBERS ORGANIZATION. HE SAYS ANOTHER REASON TO BELIEVE THIS CHARGE IS THAT DAVID YOUNG WAS NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE PLUMBERS AND THAT HE HAD PLAYED A TAPE FOR YOU OF ONE OF HIS INVESTIGATIONS. ANOTHER ALLEGATION IS THAT YOU WHIPPED UP FEARS ON THE PART OF THE PRESIDENT THAT THERE WAS A SYSTEMATICALLY

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ORGANIZED RING WHICH LEAKED INFORMATION TO UNDERMINE THE ADMINISTRATION. OF THIS, KRAFT SAYS, ONE SURE SOURCE IS EHRLICHMAN AND POSSIBLY YOUNG. AFTER THE INVESTIGATION, KRAFT SAYS YOU WILL GET OFF RELATIVELY FREE. IF ANYTHING, YOU WILL BE A BETTER AND FREER MAN FOR HAVING THE TRUTH COME OUT. KRAFT'S COMMENTS ON YOUR THREAT TO RESIGN ARE THAT PERHAPS THE ONLY REASON FOR YOU TO QUIT IS THE PRESUMPTION THAT YOU ARE SOMEHOW INDISPENSABLE. KRAFT SAYS: "HE ISN'T AND IT'S ABOUT TIME HE RECOGNIZED THAT 200 MILLION AMERICANS CAN STUMBLE ALONG WITHOUT HIM IF WE HAVE TO." BUT, KRAFT CONTINUES: "I THINK THE RESIGNATION THREAT IS A PIECE OF SPRING SILLINESS BORN OF EXHAUSTION AND SELF-INTOXICATION WHICH SHOULD BE FORGOTTEN." (A-23)

JOHN MCKENZIE REPORTS ON THE SUITS FILED BY MORTON HALPERIN, ANTHONY LAKE, AND RICHARD MOOSE. YESTERDAY, MOOSE WITHDREW HIS SUIT AS SOON AS HE FILED IT, BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO FILE AGAIN AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. (A-24)

A REPORT OUT OF SAIGON SAYS THE RELEASE OF FORMER LEGISLATOR TRAN NGOC CHAU, AFTER FOUR YEARS IN PRISON, WAS SEEN AS A GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO CARRY FAVOR IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AT A TIME WHEN CRUCIAL AID DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE, BUT, IT IS NOT CLEAR IF CHAU HAS BEEN RELEASED. HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF HIS RELEASE AND AFTER SAIGON NEWSPAPERS WERE URGED TO WRITE ABOUT HIS RELEASE. (A-27)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS ON THE SUPPORT YOU ARE NOW RECEIVING FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ARE RALLYING TO YOUR SIDE SO THAT YOU WILL NOT CARRY OUT YOUR THREAT OF RESIGNATION. (A-1)

JOHN HERBERS COVERS THE GREATLY ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED IN CAIRO. (A-1)

PAUL HOFFMAN SAYS THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CALLED FOR A "DEMOCRATIC TURN" IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, MAKING IT PLAIN THAT IT WANTS A SAY IN DECISION-MAKING ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL. (A-3)

R.W. APPLE DISCUSSES THE SUIT FILED YESTERDAY BY ANTHONY LAKE AND RICHARD MOOSE AGAINST YOU AND PRESIDENT NIXON. IT IS REPORTED THAT MR. MOOSE'S ATTORNEY WITHDREW THE SUIT AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT. (A-29)

TERRY ROBARDS SAYS YOUR THREAT TO RESIGN AROUSED SURPRISE AND SYMPATHY IN THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. DIPLOMATS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT YOU SHOULD CHOOSE A EUROPEAN SETTING TO MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT A MATTER THAT THEY VIEW AS MAINLY DOMESTIC. (A-29)

ANTHONY LEWIS ENTITLES HIS COLUMN "FAILURE OF PERCEPTION" AND SPEAKS OF YOUR UNIQUE PLACE IN WORLD POLITICS. LEWIS SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE RALLIED SUPPORT TO YOUR SIDE, THERE ARE MANY

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QUESTIONS STILL UNANSWERED. HE SAYS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE AVOIDED MUCH PAIN IF YOU "HAD BEEN CANDID WITH THE SENATE IN THE FIRST PLACE, IF HE HAD ACCEPTED A SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ABUSE OF POWER." LEWIS LASTLY CONTENDS THAT FOR YOU "TO ACCEPT THE RESTRAINTS AND INCONVENIENCES OF OUR CONSTITUTION IS TO ASK A GREAT DEAL."

THE BALTIMORE SUN

PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING TOLD HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN A TV BROADCAST LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT SWIFTLY ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT. GISCARD HOPES TO REDUCE FRANCE'S INFLATION RATE OF 17 PERCENT A YEAR TO A COMMON MARKET LOW OF SIX PERCENT -- IN 12 MONTHS. (A-1)

THE WORLD'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATIONS AGREED TO LET HARDPRESSED COUNTRIES SUCH AS ITALY AND FRANCE TECHNICALLY UPVALUE THEIR GOLD RESERVES, PAVING THE WAY FOR AN EFFECTIVE QUADRUPLING OF THE OFFICIAL PRICE OF GOLD. (A-1)

THE SOVIET UNION HAS FOUND THE PROCESS OF EAST-WEST DETENTE MORE COMPLICATED AND BESET WITH TROUBLES THAN IT EXPECTED, BUT KOSYGIN SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE WEST REMAINS FIRM. (A-2)

YOUR THREAT OF RESIGNATION HAS INTRODUCED A NEW UNCERTAINTY ON THE DIFFICULT ROAD TO A MIDDLE EAST PEACE. (A-2)

THE SOVIET UNION'S TRADE UNIONS ACCUSED GEORGE MEANY OF ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

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